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SENATOR PETTIGREW TO TAKE A REST.
Senator Pettigrew, who was stricken with paralysis of the vocal cords last Saturday while delivering

AMERICAN MARKETS IN THE EAST.—There is now and always will be a very promising prospect for the American manufacturer in Japan, says Dr. Edward Beddoe, formerly United States Consul at Amoy, who is in Washington for a day or two. "Japan has no iron ore worthy of mention. The nearest are in Corea, and are none to speak of."

good. She must buy her iron and steel in foreign markets. The nearest is this country. She needs the machinery of her cotton mills, the locomotive engines, the steamships, the automobiles, the trucks and cars, the light-draught steamer, the tugboats, the sailing ships, the sailing boats, the sailing galleys which are to carry the bales and the cotton goods, the tools and appliances of the machine shops, repair yards, graving docks, engine works and electrical plants. She will need turbines, dynamos, motors and humming machines for her mills. She will need an army of engineers, installations. She will need an army of mechanics, no matter what the cost, the best of the means and experts to oversee and to teach her docile workers. On account of the earthquakes and typhoons in Japan, which are so often a curse to her people, she will be compelled, when she begins to build large structures, to use the steel frame system so common in this country. She will need steel bridges, steel depots, steel cannon, ship masts, steel armor, steel armor plates, steel armor and forts. The nearest and in which she will find all this is the United States. As to raw materials, cotton

Topographically, Japan is a geologically very rough, rocky and mountainous country. Agriculture is the surface form of life. It is largely volcanic. Even as it is, the people of Japan cultivated nearly all the available soil. There is rice in the cotton fields. Cotton is too common in China. China, on the other hand, grows a great deal of the staple, and can grow much more. None, so far as we know, grows in Japan. The Japanese are very fond of tea, and much less to the famous Szechwan Island cotton. China imposes an export tax on both products, and also a limit on the quantity of each. The Japanese therefore must cost a large amount besides its price in the original market. The Japanese are therefore forced to purchase their raw materials from the nearest sources of India and the United States, the latter being several hundred miles nearer than China. China is one of the best customers. China and Korea are also destined to become customers of vast value to us."

RECENT PROMOTIONS IN THE MARINE CORPS—A good deal of a tempest in a teapot has been raised in the last day or two over the promotion of McKinley's appointment as assistant quartermaster in the Marine Corps. The three disappointed aspirants for the position have been able to take advantage of the opportunity to have a good deal of promising but not very creditable opportunity to make the air vocal with their complaints. Mr. McKinley is the son of a former commandant and the grandson of a distinguished officer of the same service. He has been in the service for ten or twelve years past and has held the positions of quarters secretary and assistant quartermaster. No doubt a very good record has been made, and Mr. McKinley's nomination will be made, and Mr. McKinley's nomination has the indorsement of all the prominent

cers of the Navy and the Marine Corps. Many members of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The newly appointed assistant quartermaster is one of the best known and most popular men in Washington society, where his personal qualities have won him an enviable distinction, and it is inconceivable that his confirmation could be delayed by the carping criticisms of candidates whose merits have been ignored by the President in the recently announced promotions in the Marine Corps.

be four party tickets in the field in Kentucky this year, and a hot political campaign will be the result," said W. B. Vandell, of Marion, Ky., to-day. "The Populists will have a ticket of their own; there will be two Democratic tickets, and the Republicans will have their standard-bearers. I would not venture to make a prediction as to the outcome, but the battle will be fought just as it was last year, with silver as the dominant issue. Already the local campaign orators are talking that as their text. They say that the vote in the State approximates twenty-four thousand. There has been a late year's grain crop."

THE FUTILE POPULIST PARTY—A politician who travels about a good deal and observes, that the course of things said to be a virtuous correspondence to-day: "The Populists are still numerous in the West, but they are powerless. The result is that the party are constantly divided against one another, and are always unhappy about something, but it is never the same thing two years at a time. Or, rather, they have a new remedy every year for the ills that among the farmers. Generally, party ties hold loosely, and the voters are now inclined to let their individual preferences rule. Formerly their passions stirred up by the war held them together, but since the war has passed away, and economic questions have been substituted for appeals to patriotism, I do not think they will be able to stay in the doubtful column."

provement of government and the regeneration of political mankind. They really don't know what the matter with them, nor, if they did, would they be able to apply a remedy. But popularly they are not without profit to some of the people of Kansas. When she first came before the public she was an awkward woman, whose sole power resided in her tremendous earnestness and assertion. She was ungainly in appearance and unpolished of speech. But she seemed to feel all she said, and her assertions of appearance tallied with her assertions of fact. She had a marked influence in Kansas. But her day is past. She is no longer the same. She is an agitator. She doesn't fit into Kansas as she then did. Travel-

and a wider horizon. Mrs. Leaso, who has remained in Kansas, and still take the title Kansas view of things. Mrs. Leaso is a tall, slender woman, and she now shows the effect of that. She dresses now after approved fashions, and very well. She has been in the city for some time, and her speech has improved. But these things have had another woman of her, and have made her feel that she is not so much of a thing as she herself would at all relish now such a speech as she used to deliver from an awkward position. Then I declared that Mrs. Leaso has made money. She is stated that Mrs. Leaso has made money and is able to leave Kansas. She ought to stay, and a full point of view of things. But a full point of view of things, governmental and political. But the Kansas case which she helped lash into a fury will continue restless for some time to come.

SENATOR ALLISON'S FORCE OF CHARACTER.—Said a friend of Senator Allison to-day: "This is the first time the Senate has brought out all of these old jokes about Mr. Allison's urbanity and diplomatic style of speech. Some of them are very good jokes, and Mr. Allison himself

enjoys them as much as anybody else. But they are apt to be misleading. Mr. Allison is a very urbane man. His nature is kindly and generous. He likes to help people, and he does help a good many people. But it would be a signal mistake to assume that at bottom he is not a man of most

decided physical grit. He is just that kind of a man. He is dead game clear through. The combination is one that the world does not readily seize or appreciate. When a man is peace-loving and kindly of nature, anxious to avoid friction and willing to make concessions, he is frequently put down as lacking in backbone. Often the very opposite is the case. Such a man may have no stomach for a row if a row can be honorably avoided, and trifles cannot be allowed to start a row. But if a row is inevitable, he will turn where nothing but a row will do, then he has no stomach for anything but a row in the language of the street. This is the story of the life of a man who has made a story to illustrate this. Several years ago a newcomer in the Senate had a bill he was anxious to

The publishers of "Judge" have decided to launch another picture puzzle scheme. It has been decided to distribute portions of the contents of the price of "Judge" among the contestants. Two hundred and fifty pictures will be distributed, and this sum may go into the thousands. Everybody can work out the pictures with a little thought. It's great.

son and very entertaining.